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[1](#). Ambassador Kenney and Secretary of Justice Raul Gonzalez signed a Letter of Agreement (LOA) September 12 to provide USG assistance to support the anti-trafficking in persons (TIP) efforts of the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). With INL and G/TIP funds, Post will provide nearly USD \$35,000 worth of equipment to the Anti-Human Trafficking Division of NBI to improve its abilities to investigate TIP cases, with the goal of more effective prosecutions of TIP offenses.

[2](#). During the ceremony, held at the Philippine Department of Justice, Ambassador Kenney highlighted the importance of USG and GRP cooperation on anti-TIP efforts and applauded the work of GRP and civil society groups to combat this problem. Secretary Gonzalez thanked Ambassador Kenney for the ongoing

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assistance of the Mission to improve the GRP's anti-TIP efforts and noted the December 2005 convictions of seven traffickers in the Philippines. Media was present, and the event received both broadcast and print coverage.

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